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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MIGUEL EDGAR DIAZ-SALAZAR
(a.k.a. "Negro" a.k.a. "Luis Garcia")

and

ESTUARDO LEONEL CASTANEDA
(a.k.a. "Toro" a.k.a. "Efe Toro Jks")

Defendants.

INDICTMENT

VIOLATIONS:

Count I: 18 U.S.C. § 932(b)(1) and 18
U.S.C. § 371
Conspiracy to Commit Straw Purchasing

Count II: 18 U.S.C. § 933(a)(3) and 18
U.S.C. § 371
Conspiracy to Commit Gun Trafficking

Case: 2:24-cr-00237
Assigned To : Shelby, Robert J.
Assign. Date : 7/16/2024

The Grand Jury Charges:

COUNT I

18 U.S.C. § 932(b)(1) and 18 U.S.C. § 371
(Conspiracy to Commit Straw Purchasing)

On or about November 15, 2022, and continuing until about December 21, 2022,
in the District of Utah,

ESTUARDO LEONEL CASTANEDA and
MIGUEL EDGAR DIAZ-SALAZAR,

the defendants herein, did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate,
and agree together with each other to commit the following offense against the United
States: to knowingly purchase a firearm in or otherwise affecting interstate and foreign
commerce, for, on behalf of, and at the request and demand of MIGUEL EDGAR DIAZ-
SALAZAR, knowing and having reasonable cause to believe MIGUEL EDGAR DIAZ-
SALAZAR had been previously convicted in any court of a crime punishable by
imprisonment for a term exceeding one year in violation of Title 18, United States Code,
Section 932(b)(1), and did any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, to-wit:

- On or about December 15, 2022, at MIGUEL EDGAR DIAZ-SALAZAR's
behest, ESTUARDO LEONEL CASTANEDA negotiated with a third-party seller
the purchase price of an advertised "Hellcat compact 9mm;"
all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

COUNT II

18 U.S.C. § 933(a)(3) and 18 U.S.C. § 371
(Conspiracy to Commit Gun Trafficking)

On or about November 15, 2022, and continuing until about December 21, 2022,
in the District of Utah,

ESTUARDO LEONEL CASTANEDA and
MIGUEL EDGAR DIAZ-SALAZAR,

the defendants herein, did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate,
and agree together with each other to commit the following offense against the United
States: to transfer and dispose to MIGUEL EDGAR DIAZ-SALAZAR firearms in or
otherwise affecting interstate and foreign commerce, knowing and having reasonable
cause to believe that the use, carrying, and possession of a firearm by MIGUEL EDGAR
DIAZ-SALAZAR would constitute a felony, in violation of Title 18, United States Code,
Section 933(a)(3), and did any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, to-wit:

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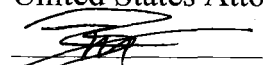
- On or about December 18, 2022, ESTUARDO LEONEL CASTANEDA negotiated with a third-party seller the purchase price of an advertised “M&P” handgun, which he intended to purchase and transfer and dispose to MIGUEL EDGAR DIAZ-SALAZAR, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

A TRUE BILL:



FOREPERSON OF GRAND JURY

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